

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein the radial spoke-like members are in tension between the inner and outer rings.

3. (Previously Presented) A suspension as claimed in claim 35, wherein the spoke-like members are connected to each ring by a respective hinge member.

Claims 4 through 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A suspension ~~as claimed in claim 35, for a voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:~~

an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;

an outer ring to be connected to a chassis of the
loudspeaker drive unit;

a first plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the
outer ring; wherein the spoke-like members are arcuate as viewed in a
circumferential direction and the spoke-like members comprise members of which
the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal

number of members of which the arcs face backwards, and the members are arranged with forward and backwards facing arcs alternating;

wherein said suspension further includes spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the ~~first-mentioned~~ first plurality of spoke-like members.

12. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ each spoke-like members member of greater lateral stiffness ~~[[are]]~~ is of a forked construction at at least one of ~~their~~ its ends.

13. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 12, wherein the forked construction is of two-pronged form.

14. (Previously Presented) A suspension as claimed in claim 12, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are forked at both ends.

15. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of the spoke-like members that is of greater lateral stiffness ~~[[are]]~~ is substantially X-shaped.

16. (Previously Presented) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are angled as viewed in a circumferential direction.

17. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the angling of alternate spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness is reversed from one to the next.

Claims 18 and 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 11 ~~[[any]]~~, wherein each spoke-like member of greater lateral stiffness includes a respective hinge member mid-way along its length.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A suspension as claimed in claim 35, wherein the first-mentioned spoke-like members are made of a resilient material.

23. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 22, wherein the resilient material comprises plastics material.

Claims 24 to 33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 35, further including additional spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the first-mentioned spoke-like members.

35. (Currently Amended) A suspension for the voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:

an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;

an outer ring to be connected to the chassis of the loudspeaker drive unit;

a plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the outer ring, ~~[[;]]~~ wherein the spoke-like members are arcuate as viewed in a circumferential direction; ~~and the spoke-like members comprise members of which the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal number of members of which the arcs face backwards, and the members are arranged with forward and backwards facing arcs alternating~~

a plurality of stiffening members, wherein each of the stiffening members interconnects the outer ring and the inner ring and each of the stiffening members extends between the inner and outer rings at an angle of other than 90° with respect to respective tangents of the inner and outer rings at respective points of attachment.

36. (Previously Presented) A suspension as claimed in claim 35, wherein the radial spoke-like members are free of compressive stress between their ends.

37. (Currently Amended) A suspension for ~~[[the]]~~ a voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:

an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;

an outer ring to be connected to ~~[[the]]~~ a chassis of the loudspeaker drive unit;

a first plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the outer ring, wherein each of the first plurality of radial spoke-like members has one point of attachment each for the inner ring and the outer ring;

said suspension further including additional spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the ~~first-mentioned~~ first plurality of spoke-like members, wherein each of the additional spoke-like members has two distinct points of attachment each for the inner ring and the outer ring.

38. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the first plurality of radial spoke-like members are free of compressive stress between their ends.

39. (New) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are forked at both ends.

40. (New) A suspension as claimed in claim 39, wherein the forked construction is of two-pronged form.

41. (New) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are substantially X-shaped.

42. (New) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the first plurality of spoke-like members are arcuate as viewed in a circumferential direction and the first plurality of spoke-like members comprise members of which the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal number of members of which the arcs face backwards, wherein all of the arcuate members are arranged in an alternating pattern such that each forward facing arc member is separated from an adjacent forward facing arc member by a backwards facing arc member, and vice versa in a circumferential direction.

43. (New) A suspension as claimed in claim 35, wherein the spoke-like members comprise members of which the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal number of members of which the arcs face backwards, wherein all of the arcuate members are arranged in an alternating pattern such that each forward facing arc member is separated from an adjacent forward facing arc member by a backwards facing arc member, and vice versa in a circumferential direction.